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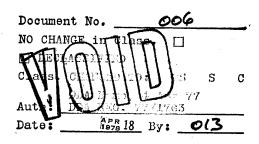
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soviet interference in the administration of justice has become cuite open and extreme, especially when Russian interests are involved in dispute. Interference with the pronouncement of sentences is very common

- 2. Owing to the fact that defendants we have been acquitted by a civil or criminal court are frequently seized by the MVD and thrown into concentration camps, German judges have resumed a practice which was sametimes followed in Nazi times. Defendants who appear innocent of the been charged are nevertheless found guilty and given a light sentence. Thus, a short stay in a German prison frequency prevents their incarceration in a Russian concentration camp. If the is felt after several weeks that the MVD might still be interested, primars often elect to remain in prison after their terms have expired in order to escape
- The Russian authorities frequently but so much pressure on attoracys for the defense that lawers now find it healthier to steer clear of cases involving Russian interests. This is especially so in Mecklenburg. Judges, too, find it difficult to exercise their calling and frequently andon the bench to resume ordinary legal practices. Thus, with many expertenced judges disqualified by denazification regulations, and others leaving in disgust, the bench in the Russian Zone is gradually becoming filled with untrained emateurs.



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